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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 61
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT STATE AGENCIES ESTABLISH STATEWIDE PROTOCOLS
FOR CLOSING DOWN METHAMPHETAMINE LABS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a drug and health
crisis due to the manufacture of methamphetamine in our state;
and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine manufacture and use have expanded
by more than two hundred percent in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has not established
statewide protocols for individuals who are the first
responders when methamphetamine labs are closed down; and

WHEREAS, the absence of protocols creates a health and
safety hazard for first responders; and

WHEREAS, in many instances, children live in the
methamphetamine labs and are exposed to the toxins used to

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1 manufacture methamphetamine; and

2 WHEREAS, the absence of protocols means that children's
3 health problems may not be diagnosed when a methamphetamine lab
4 is raided and closed down;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the department of public
7 safety, the department of health and the children, youth and
8 families department to meet and establish statewide protocols
9 for use when a methamphetamine lab is raided and closed down;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the protocols address
12 procedures for diagnosing and safely removing children who have
13 been residing in a methamphetamine lab; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agencies seek
15 counsel from the federal drug enforcement agency regarding the
16 development of statewide protocols; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretaries of public safety, health and
19 children, youth and families.

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